

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

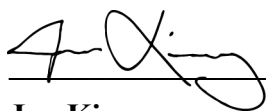
Benjamin L. Margolis, M.D., professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2024.

Dr. Margolis received his M.D. degree from the University of Manitoba, Canada in 1981. He completed his internal medicine internship and residency at the University of Texas, San Antonio (1981-85) and his nephrology fellowship at the University of Toronto (1985-88). He then completed research fellowships at Rorer Biotechnology (1988-89) and New York University Medical School (1990-1992). In 1992, he was appointed assistant professor of pharmacology at New York University. He joined the University of Michigan as an associate professor of internal medicine and biological chemistry in 1995 and was promoted to professor in 2000. In 1995, he was appointed as an assistant investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and was an associate investigator of Howard Hughes Medical Institute from 1998 to 2005. Dr. Margolis served as associate chair for basic and translational research in the Department of Internal Medicine from 2006 to 2020.

Dr Margolis is known for his research that elucidated the biochemistry of protein-protein interaction domains. These protein-protein interaction domains are evolutionarily conserved and allow the formation of intracellular macromolecular protein complexes that play important roles in cell signaling and cell structure. He developed methods that led to the identification of proteins that contained SH2 domains which are critical for control of cell growth. His laboratory identified protein complexes with unique domains that regulate junctions and orientation of epithelial cells. Dr. Margolis has authored over 120 peer-reviewed papers. He has received numerous awards, including the Young Investigator Award of the American Society of Nephrology-American Heart Association and the University of Michigan Faculty Recognition Award. Since 2008, Dr. Margolis has served as director of the Student Biomedical Research Program within the Medical School. He has chaired several medical school committees, including the Advisory Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure as well as the Research Capital Investment Committee.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Benjamin L. Margolis, professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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